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52nd BATTALION A.I.F.

WAR DIARY

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DE SEULE	1.7.17		Sunday. Adjutant rejoined Unit.	
"	2.7.17		General Training.	
"	3.7.17		Lieut-Colonel J.L.WHITHAM assumed command. Appointment dated 1.7.17. General Training.	
"	4.7.17		C.O. Inspected Battalion., His Majesty ^{the King} passed by Camp. Battalion formed along road to greet him.	
"	5.7.17		Lt.(Hon-Major) W.A.CRAIES Taken on Strength from Reinforcements. Officers and N.C.O's visited Front Area. Reconnaissance of forward positions. PLOEGSTEERT and ST.YVES. 49 Reinforcements and 10 fully trained "details" joined the Battalion.	
"	6.7.17		Lieut. & Quartermaster N.K.BIRKS proceeded to Training Battalion.	
"	7.7.17		Daily from 1st to 7th general training carried on in morning also Specialist in afternoon. Sports and cricket matches for men and Officers daily in late afternoons.	
"	8.7.17		6 Details joined Battalion, returning from Hospital after recovery from wounds etc., Enemy shelling road near Camp, no casualties except 1 civilian on road., Major H.A.MacPHERSON transferred to 12th Battalion A.I.F.	
"	9.7.17		Training (see Appendix "A")	"A" Training Syllabus Week ending 14th.
"	10.7.17		Training (see Appendix "A") * Enemy shelled camp with long range shells "4.2." guns, Casualties :- 2 killed 5 wounded. Enemy planes came over camp tonight bombing no casualties.	
"	11.7.17	X	Training (see Appendix "A"). 1 Officer 5 Other Ranks proceeded on leave to UK	
"	12.7.17		Training. 1 Officer 4 Other Ranks proceeded to Training Battalion.	

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52nd BATTALION A.I.F. WAR DIARY

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St. YVES.	13.7.17		Moved up from DE SEULE to front area as Battalion in Support of 51st Battalion. Relief quick and satisfactory., shelled while taking up position.	"B" Operation Order 60. 17.7.17.
"	"		H.Q. at St. YVES., "A" Coy. in PLOEGSTEERT WOOD., "B" Coy. in Subsidiary Line From U.21.b.6.7. to River DOUVE., "C" Coy and "D" Coy. in tunnels and trenches at PROUSE POINT. Shelling normal, 1 other Rank wounded.	
"	14.7.17		1 Officer and 5 Other Ranks to Rest Camp.	
"	15.7.17		Raining. Trenches wet and sloppy. Casualties :- "A" Coy. 3 Killed by H.E., 67 Reinforcements fully trained joined up.	Battalion provided working parties nightly in work on support Trench, construction of fire bags, deepening etc. also in wiring in front of support trench.
"	16.7.17		<i>"D" Coy occupied the SUBSIDIARY line as a garrison</i> Enemy dropping shells round Battalion H.Q. with no effect.	
"	17.7.17		Bright hot day. During morning shelling brisk- afternoon quiet.	
"	18.7.17		Enemy using new "MUSTARD" gas shells. Affecting a few men slightly.	
"	19.7.17		Shelling by enemy heavy. Shrapnel H.E. and gas shells. Battalion relieved by Units of 1st New Zealand Infantry Brigade. Relief completed and all troops clear of front area without casualty by 10 p.m.	"C" Operation Order 61. 19.7.17
DE SEULE	19.7.17		Battalion returned to old camp at DE SEULE. Just after arrival in Camp enemy planes came over bombing, but no casualties occurred.	
"	20.7.17		Cleaning Camp, clothes, equipment, refitting. <i>Company parades - refitting, and Bathing parades in afternoon at PONT de NIEPPE baths - clean underclothing issued.</i>	
No. 1. BERQUIN Area.	21.7.17		Battalion moved from DE SEULE and occupied tents in this Area.	"Da" Operation Order 62 21.7.17
"	22.7.17		Sunday. Re-sighting tents. Rest in afternoon	
"	23.7.17		Training	"D" Syllabus of Training week ending 28.7.17
"	24.7.17		Training and whole Battalion bathed, at STEENWERCK-change of underclothing received.	
"	25.7.17			

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
No. 1 BERQUIN Area.	24.7.17		received. Route march - 10 miles - with transport. Dist ^{nt} and Brigade Commanders saw column march past.	"D" Syllabus of Training 28.7.17
"	25.7.17		Training. C.S.M. MARSHALL C.B. promoted to 2/Lt.	
"	26.7.17		Morning Route March 10 miles. Afternoon games.	
"	27.7.17		Training as per Syllabus ^{Rev} cancelled. Inspection of Brigade by Commander 2 nd ARMY in afternoon.	
"	28.7.17		Battalion Route March 10 miles. L/Sgt E.H. CHURCHER promoted to 2nd Lieutenant.	
"	29.7.17		Very heavy storm and rains, no church Services possible. Major R.F. FITZGERALD D.S.O. transferred from 24th Battalion and taken on Strength as 2nd in Command.	
"	30.7.17		Training. 2 p.m. Lecture on Venereal Disease by A.D.M.S. and The Very Reverend Archdeacon WARD. 6 p.m. lecture at DOILLIEU on aeroplane Contact. All Officers attended.	"E" Syllabus of Training 4.8.17.
"	31.7.17		Battalion Route March 8½ miles. - without transport - horses had been dipped previous day.	"F" Strength Return from 1st to 31st July attached.

J. L. Whitham
Lieut Colonel
Commnd 52nd Battalion A.I.F.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY 14th JULY 1917.

July 1917	Time	"A" Coy.	"B" Coy.	"C" Coy.	"D" Coy.	Remarks
MONDAY. 9th	8 to 9 a.m.	Close Order drill, Bayonet fighting.	Specialist Training.	Close Order drill, Bayonet fighting.	Specialist Training.	
	9 to 10 a.m.	Gas Drill	Close Order drill, Bayonet Ftg.	Gas Drill	Close Order drill, Bayonet Ftg.	
	10 to 11 a.m.	Rapid extensions, fire direction & control.	Telling off & instruction of Patrols.	Rapid extensions, fire direction & control.	Telling off & instruction of Patrols.	
	2 to 3 p.m.	Lecture by O.C. Company to Officers and N.C.O's				
TUESDAY. 10th	8 to 9 a.m.	Specialist Training.	Coy. in attack, as far as ground permits. (8 to 10 a.m.)	Specialist Training.	Coy. in attack as far as ground permits. (8 to 10 a.m.)	
	9 to 10 a.m.	Rapid wiring		Rapid wiring		
	10 to 11 a.m.	Rapid extensions from Artillery formations.	Rapid wiring	Rapid extensions from Artillery formations.	Rapid wiring.	
	2 to 3 p.m.	Lecture by O.C. Company to all ranks.				
WEDNESDAY 11th	8 to 11 a.m.	Battalion Route March. (About 10 Kilo's. Cookers will be taken.				
	2 to 3 p.m.	Lecture by Signalling Officer, and O's C. Companies to all ranks.				
THURSDAY. 12th	8 to 11 a.m.	Battalion Scheme for practice of intercommunication during an action. All Signallers, Scouts, and Runners to participate. A situation will be given, and actual reports and messages will be written. Remainder of Battalion as for MONDAY 9th.				
	2 to 3 p.m.	Lecture by Battalion Commander to Officers and N.C.O's				
FRIDAY 13th		As for MONDAY 9th.				
SATURDAY 14th	8 to 11 a.m.	Battalion Route March. Half Holiday.				

Subjects for Lectures will be notified daily.

Captain.
Adjutant 52nd Battalion A.I.F.

APPENDIX A

2nd BATTALION A.I.F.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY 14th JULY 1917.

July 1917	Time	"A" Coy.	"B" Coy.	"C" Coy.	"D" Coy.	Remarks
MONDAY. 9th	8 to 9 a.m.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Specialist	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Specialist	
	9 to 10 a.m.	Gas Drill	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	
	10 to 11 a.m.	Rapid extension formations, fire & ammunition & control.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	
	11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Lecture by G.O. Company to Officers and N.C.O.'s	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	
TUESDAY. 10th	8 to 9 a.m.	Specialist	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	
	9 to 10 a.m.	Rapid wiring	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	
	10 to 11 a.m.	Rapid extension formations, fire & ammunition & control.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	
	11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Lecture by G.O. Company to all ranks.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	
WEDNESDAY. 11th	8 to 11 a.m.	Battalion Route March. (About 10 Kilo's.)	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	
	11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Lecture by Signalling Officer, and G.O. Companies to all ranks.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	
THURSDAY. 12th	8 to 11 a.m.	Battalion Route March. (About 10 Kilo's.)	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	
	11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Lecture by Signalling Officer, and G.O. Companies to all ranks.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	
FRIDAY. 13th	8 to 11 a.m.	Battalion Route March. (About 10 Kilo's.)	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	
	11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Lecture by Signalling Officer, and G.O. Companies to all ranks.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	
SATURDAY. 14th	8 to 11 a.m.	Battalion Route March. (About 10 Kilo's.)	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	
	11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Lecture by Signalling Officer, and G.O. Companies to all ranks.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	Close Order Drill, Bayonet Training.	

Subjects for lectures will be notified daily.

Adjutant 2nd Battalion A.I.F.
Captain.

by
Lieut-Colonel J.L. WHITHAM. C. M. G.
Commanding 52nd Battalion A.I.F.

12th July 1917

Reference Map:- Sheet 28 S.W. 1/20,000
Sheet 36 1/40,000

1. The 13th Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 4th A.I. Brigade in the front line between the WARNAVE and the DOUVE on the 13th and night 13/14th inst.
2. The 52nd Battalion will move to the Support Line and relieve the 15th A.I. Battalion in the St. IVES Area from ULTIMO AVENUE to the DOUVE RIVER, on the 13th inst. Each Company relieving its opposite number in the line.
3. STARTING POINT. DE SEULE (Railway Crossing) at B.I. central (Sheet 36)
4. ROUTE. PONT D'ACHELLE at B.8.b.1.5. through ROMARIN to (Sheet 28) T.29.c.5.0..thence to T.30.d.6.5. to U.25.a.6.4. (The passing point), thence to small cemetery U.19.c.9.6. thence along STRAND duck walk to SPY CORNER at U.20.b.8.2. Thence Companies independently by guides.
5. TIME. Head of column to pass starting point at 7-45 a.m.
6. ORDER OF MARCH. Headquarters - less Band, R.Q.M.S. & Staff.
"D" Company
"B" "
"C" "
"A" "
Headquarters will march 50 yards in front of leading Company. Companies will march with 50 yards between them up to T.29.d. central, thence in half platoons at 50 yards distance between platoons.
7. DRESS. Fighting Order with one Blanket and water proof sheet. Water bottles filled.
8. PACKS. Packs will be labelled and placed in Company dumps, with an N.C.O. in charge, outside Battalion Orderly Room by 7 a.m.
9. BAGGAGE. Officers valises and all spare baggage will be stacked near Battalion H.Q. by 7 a.m. to be dumped at Transport Lines at ENGLISH FARM at T.21.b.4.0.
10. BATTALION POST OFFICE. Will be situated at ENGLISH FARM.
11. GUIDES. 1 Scout and 1 N.C.O. from each Company will report to the Battalion Intelligence Officer at 7 a.m.
12. ALL MAPS, documents etc, relating to Sector will be taken over from Units relieved and a duplicate receipt will be made out for these and all trench stores taken over, and immediately sent to Battalion H.Q.
13. On completion of relief notification will be sent to Battalion H.Q. immediately.

(Signed) E.C. FRANCISCO. Captain.
Adjutant 52nd Battalion A.I.F.



ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED WITH
BATTALION OPERATION ORDER NO. 60.

12th JULY 1917.

1. Headquarters and Companies will take over positions at present occupied by opposite numbers of 15th A.I. Battalion.
2. Transport Lines at ENGLISH FARM at T.21.b.4.0.
3. RESERVE RATIONS. 1000 Rations are held at PROUSE POINT DUMP and 1000 at LANCASHIRE FARM DUMP.
4. Rations are delivered by A.S.C. to ENGLISH FARM. Quartermasters will get in touch with their opposite numbers regarding method of delivery to the forward area.
5. BRIGADE AMMUNITION AND ENGINEERING DUMPS. are situated at PROUSE POINT U.14.d.9.9., LANCASHIRE FARM U.27.b.2.1., and DEAD HORSE CORNER U.20.b.central. Indents will be submitted direct to the N.C.O. in charge at each place.
6. DRY SOX. These can be obtained at PONT NIEPPE BATHS in exchange for wet.
7. GUM BOOTS. A limited number of Gum Boots can be obtained on application to Brigade Headquarters.
8. BRIGADE CANTEEN. A branch of the Brigade Canteen will be established at U.14.c.4.1.
9. AREA STORES. All area stores will be handed over to the relieving units and receipts obtained.
10. TRENCH STORES. Petrol Tins, S.O.S. Signals etc., will be taken over from unit relieved. Copies of all receipts for Trench & Area Stores will be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters immediately on completion of relief.
11. GAS GUARDS. Companies will mount Gas Guards immediately they take over.
12. WATER. Petrol Tins, filled, are situated at Brigade Dumps PROUSE POINT U.14.d.9.9. LANCASHIRE FARM U.27.b.2.1., Dead Horse Corner U.20.b.central, which can be drawn by returning an equivalent number of empties.

Wells and water Points are situated as follows. :-

Regent Street	(U.19.c.8.0.)	U.15.b.9.4.
Ploegsteert Pump.	(U.25.c.9.3.)	U.15.b.8.9.
Dressing Station.	(U.19.d.1.5.)	U.15.b.3.2.
U.9.a.4.3.	→ Avenue Farm. French Well.	U.9.d.5.4.
U.9.c.3.8.	→ Not tested. Plenty of water.	U.9.d.5.4.
U.9.a.5.1.	@	U.9.d.5.6.
U.9.d.8.9.		U.10.d.7.0.
U.10.b.0.2.		U.9.a.5.3. @
U.9.a.5.0.	@	

@ These are being developed for a good supply.

Copies to :-

- No. 1. Bde H.Q.
2. & 3 War Diary.
- 4 File.
5. "A" Coy.
6. "B" "
7. "C" "
8. "D" "
9. H.Q.
- 10 I.O.
11. T.O.

(Signed) E.C. FRANCISCO. Captain
Adjutant 52nd Battalion AIF.

No. 12. R.Q.M.

APPENDIX

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SECRET.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 61.

by

Lieut-Colonel. J.L. WHITHAM.,
Commanding 52nd Battalion A.I.F.

19th July 1917.

The 52nd A.I. Battalion will be relieved in present sector (today) 19th inst by Units of the 1st New Zealand Infantry Brigade.

"A" & "C" Coys. will not be relieved by complete units, but details may take over certain shelters in BUNHILL ROAD and PROUSE POINT.

"B" Coy. at PROUSE POINT will be relieved by 16th Coy. 1st Auckland Battn.

"D" Coy (right Sector) Platoons in SUBSIDIARY LINE will be relieved by Coy. of 2nd Wellington Battalion.

"D" Coy. (left Sector platoons) in SUBSIDIARY LINE will be relieved by 6th Coy. 1st Auckland Battn.

GUIDES. The Intelligence Officer will make arrangements for guides to conduct relieving units to their positions.

The relieving units will not arrive before 6-30 p.m.

Reliefs are to be completed by 8-0 p.m. Coy Comdrs will notify H.Q. immediately they are relieved.

Intelligence officer will arrange for guides to conduct outgoing parties through PLOEGSTEERT WOOD. No Units of 52nd Battn. will leave before 6 p.m.

ON RELIEF Coys. will move in following order "A" "C" "B" & "D" Coys. via TOR-ONTO AVENUE, The STRAND, U.25.a.6.25., T.30d.5.5. to T.29.d.8.5. Details of "D" Coy. at PROUSE POINT will be attached to "C" Coy. for the march to camp.

52nd Battn will concentrate at last named point & march to DE SEULE CAMP via ROMARIN, and PONT d'ACHELLES.

FORMATIONS will be by sections to U.25.a.6.25., thence to T.29.d.8.5. in half platoons, thereafter by 100 yards between Coys.

The A/Senior major will take charge of Battn. from T.29.6.8.5.

TRENCH STORES, Maps etc &c. Coys. Comdrs. of "B" & "D" Coys. will hand over Maps and TRENCH STORES to opposite numbers and obtain receipts in duplicate for same.

Coy Comdrs. of "A" & "C" Coys. will hand over all tools and TRENCH STORES to opposite-numbers and to N.C.O. in charge of PROUSE POINT DUMP and obtain receipts for same.

Maps from "A" & "C" Coys. will be handed to the 52nd Battn. Intelligence Offt. before 10 a.m. on 20th inst.

COOKS and gear will move with limbers to DE SEULE Camp via HYDE PARK CORNER, ROMARIN, PONT D'ACHELLES at 5-0 p.m., O.C. "N" Coy. will detail a Sergeant who will proceed with and be in charge of the party.

Horses for the Comdg. Officer and Battn. Intelligence Officer to be at U.25. a.6.25. (N. of PLOEGSTEERT) at 8-0 p.m.

Adjutant, S.O., and L.G.O. with Battn H.Q. details will move out at 6 p.m.

LEWIS GUNS will be carried out by Lewis Gun Sections. Magazines will be stacked at PROUSE POINT DUMP in charge of a N.C.O. to be detailed by O.C. "B". One man from each Coy will remain with this N.C.O. after the magazines are handed over, to pack them on limbers and accompany same under the N.C.O. to DE SEULE. The N.C.O. to be available at PROUSE POINT DUMP at 6-0 P.M.

R.M.O with Section will move out with H.Q. Staff & will make arrangements for Maltese Cart to be loaded at and move from PROUSE DUMP at 6-30 p.m.

(Signed) E.C. FRANCISCO Captain.
Adjutant 52nd Battalion A.I.F.



SYLLABUS OF TRAINING for week ending 28.7.17

DATE	: 8 to 9am.	: 9 to 10am.	: 10 to 11am.	: 2 to 3-30pm.	Remarks
Monday 23.7.17.	: Rifle Exer- : cises. : Platoon : Drill.	: Musketry- : Rapid Wir- : ing. Gas : Drill	: Outposts : by Platoons : (Diagramatic)	: Specialist : Training	: Company : Lectures $\frac{1}{2}$: hour All : Officers : And N.C.Os.
Tuesday. 24.7.17.	: Battalion Route March.	: 10 miles	: Company	: Lecture : $\frac{1}{2}$ hour	
Wednesday. 25.7.17.	: Rifle exer- : cises : Platoon : drill	: Musketry : Rapid wiring : Gas Drill	: Outposts : (by Platoons)	: Specialist : Training	: Company : Lectures.
Thursday. 26.7.17.	: Battalion Route March	: 11 miles	: Company	: Gas Drill : after 10 pm.	
Friday. 27.7.17.	: Platoon : Drill. Rifle : exercises	: Musketry. : Rapid wiring : Gas Drill	: Outposts by : Companies	: Specialist : Training	: Lecture to : all Officers : and N.C.Os.
Saturday. 28.7.17.	: Battalion Route March	: 10 miles.	: Company	: Lecture or : conference	

- NOTE.
- (1) Battalion Route Marches will be in marching order (without blankets and accompanied by transport).
 - (2) The first hour's parade daily will consist of steady close order drill and rifle exercises.
 - (3) Musketry instruction will include visual training, definition of targets, fire control, and rapid loading.
 - (4) Rapid wiring will be arranged that each platoon will have at least one hour's practice weekly, competitions in wiring will be organised, ~~and every man will clearly see the organisation and understand~~
 - (5) Outposts will be practiced as a demonstration so that every Officer and man will clearly see the organisation and understand the duties required of everyone.
 - (6) Gas Drill will be thoroughly practiced until every man can adjust his respirator in standard time. Training will include work by night, marching fully equipped, bayonet work.
 - (7) The conferences and lectures will include small paper schemes for Officers and N.C.Os. and will deal mainly with the following points:-
 - (1) Patrolling
 - (2) Intercommunication specially as regards the organisation of Runners.
 - (3) Writing of reports and messages.
 - (4) Action of Platoon Commanders in various situations e.g. after capturing a position- if ordered to push forward and capture an enemy strong point, etc, etc.

x(Signed)
(Signed) J.L. WHITHAM. Lieut-Colonel.
Commanding 52nd Battalion A.I.F.

APPENDIX D(a)

OPERATION ORDER NO. 62.

by
Lieut-Colonel J.L. WHITHAM. C.M.G.
Commanding 52nd Battalion A.I.F.

21st July 1917.

Reference Map:- Sheet 36. 1/40,000

1. The 13th A.I. Brigade will move to No. 1 BERQUIN Area to-morrow 22nd inst.
2. STARTING POINT. Junction of roads at B.1.a.7.2.
3. TIME. Head of 52nd Battalion will pass the starting point at 9 a.m.
4. ROUTE. BAILLEUL ^{Road} to RAILWAY CROSSING S.27.a.9.0. (Sheet 28. S.W.) thence to A.21.a. central (Sheet 36)
5. ORDER OF MARCH.:-

H.Q. Company.
"B" "
"C" "
"D" "
"A" "
1st Line Transport.

Headquarters will march 30 yards in front of leading Company. A distance of 30 yards will be maintained between Companies and a distance of 100 yards between Transport and rear Company.
6. DRESS. Marching order with one blanket and W.P. Sheet, water bottles to be filled, unconsumed portion of day's ration to be carried.
7. BAGGAGE. All stores for Transport to be dumped near Q.M.'s Hut by 6-30 a.m. to-morrow. Officers valises to be dumped by 7-15 a.m. Mess Cart will call for Company Mess boxes at 8-15 a.m.
8. REAR PARTY. O.C.'s Duty Company will detail rear party of 1 Corporal and 6 men to clear Camp. This party will follow column at 10 a.m.

(Signed) E.C. FRANCISCO. Captain.
Adjutant 52nd Battalion A.I.F.



SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 4th AUGUST 1917.

Date	8 to 9am.	9 to 10am.	10 to 11am.	2 to 3-30 pm.	Remarks
MONDAY 30.7.17.	:Platoon Drill. Rifle :Excercises	:Rapid wiring : Musketry :Gas Drill	:Outposts by :Coys (Dia- :gramatic)	:Specialists :Training :L.G's Bombers Scouts. Runners.	:Coy Lectures :1/2 hour. spec- :ial lecture :Bde H.Q.
TUESDAY 31.7.17.	:Battalion Route March. Marching Order				:Coy. Lectures :1/2 hour. 10 to :10-30 Gas :drill :including :marching. :Bayonet :practice.
WEDNESDAY 1.8.17.	:Coy. Drill :Rifle Excercises. : Excercises Drill.	:Bayonet Instruction :Rapid wiring. Gas	:Musketry :Training	:Specialists	:Bn. Lecture :to all Off- :icers & N. :C.Os. 1/2 :hour
THURSDAY 2.8.17.	:Battalion Route March -Accompanied by Transport- :midday meal to be carried.				:Coy. Schemes :for Platoon :Comdrs & N. :C.Os. 1/2 :hour
FRIDAY 3.8.17.	:Rifle Excer- :cises. Platoon :& Coy. Drill	:Musketry. :Rapid :Wiring	:Gas Drill :Bayonet :Instruction	:Specialists :Training	:Tactical :schemes for :Platoon :Comdrs & N. :C.O's. 1/2 :hour
SATURDAY 4.8.17.	:Battalion Route March, accompanied by transport :8 a.m. to 12:noon				:Half day :Holiday.

NOTE.

- (1) The instructions given at foot of previous weeks syllabus will hold good for the present weeks training.
- (2) All Officers will undergo training in rapid wiring; services of a special instructor attached to Battalion to be fully utilised.
- (3) Special instructor for bayonet training will be with the Battalion on 1st August.
- (4) Battalion Intelligence Officer in co-operation with Signalling Officer will arrange to continue special training of runners.
- (5) Arrangements for training men who have fallen out on Route Marches during the past week, who need instruction in marching will be made by Battalion H.Q.

(Signed) J.L. WHITHAM. Lieut-Colonel.
Commanding 52nd Battalion A.I.F.



52nd BATTALION A.I.F.

STRENGTH OF BATTALION ON 1st July 1917.

Actually with Unit.	Attached	In	Tempy.	Total	Remarks.
		Hospital	Detached		
			Schools &c		
Offs : O.R.	Off: O.R.	OFF:OR	Offs:O.R.	Off:O.R.	
26 : 576	: 1 : 5	: 8 : 17	: 4 : 60	: 39 : 658	

INCREASES AND DECREASES DURING THE MONTH.

OFFICERS TAKEN ON STRENGTH.

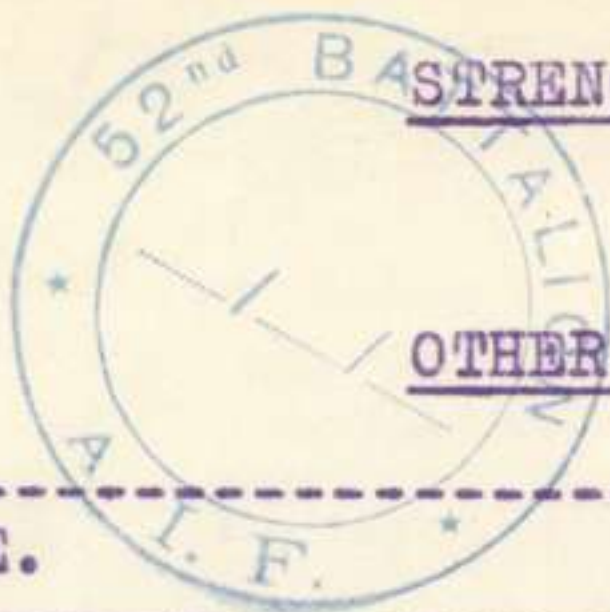
OFFICERS SECONDED OR STRUCK OFF
STRENGTH.

Lt-Col J.L.WHITHAM C.M.G. from A.I.F. H.Q. France.1.7.17:	Lt-Col. H.POPE C.B. Seconded, (Wounded) 7.6.17.,
Major R.F.FITZGERALD D.S.O.from 24th A.I.Battn.29.7.17	Major H.A.MacPHERSON transferred to 12th A.I.Battn. 8.7.17.,
Lt.(Hon-Major)W.A.CRAIES from Reinfts 5.7.17	Capt.F.C.WILSON Seconded 13th Trng. Battn. 27.6.17.,
Lt.H.THOMAS Res.duty from 13th Trng.Battn 17.7.17.	Lt.N.K.BIRKS Seconded 13th Trng Batt n. 6.7.17.,
2/Lt.C.B.MARSHALL promoted 2/Lt. from Ranks.14.7.17	
2/Lt.R.E.CHURCHER,PROMOTED 2/Lt. from ranks.21.7.17	
2/Lt.H.S.PEET from Reinforcements 26.7.17	
2/Lt.W.K.SPENCE from Reinforcements 28.7.17.	
Capt.(Chaplin)D.B.BLACKWOOD resumed duty from 2nd.A.G.H. 12.7.17.,	

OFFICERS REJOINED FROM SCHOOLS,
HOSPITAL, LEAVE ETC.OFFICERS GONE TO SCHOOLS, TRAINING Battn
HOSPITAL etc.

2/Lt.A.O.BILSON,Hospital,9.7.17	2/Lt.W.F.B.CREECH Leave to U.K.2.7.17
" W.F.B.CREECH Leave to U.K.	: " A.B.SPIERS " " " "
" A.B.SPIERS. 15.7.17.	: " A.O.BILSON to Hosp. 6.7.17
" E.R.HOCKINGS Leave to U.K.	: " J.W.HALL to School. 12.7.17.
24.7.17	: " J.D.FRYER to Rest Camp. 15.7.17
" J.D.FRYER from Rest Camp.	: " L.C.BOASE to School 23.7.17
30.7.17	: Lt.N.K.BIRKS to 13th Trng.Battn7.7.17
	: 2/Lt.F.HERBERT " " 12.7.17
	: Capt.W.KENNEDY to Rest Camp 29.7.17
	: 2/Lt.L.WILSON to 13th Trng.Bn.31.7.17
	: 2/Lt.C.W.WILSON Leave to U.K. 28.7.17
	: Capt.(Chaplain)D.B.BLACKWOOD leave to U.K. 30.7.17.

P.T.O.



STRENGTH OF BATTALION.

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OTHER RANKS.

<u>INCREASE.</u>		:	<u>DECREASE.</u>	
Reinforcements.	154	:	To Hospital	40.
Details	95	:	Transferred to 13th	
From Rest Camp.	16	:	A.L.T.M.Bty.	11.
From Leave.	30	:	On leave	51.
From Schools of		:	Killed in action	5.
Instruction.	12	:	Wounded	19.
From Detached duties		:	To Rest Camp.	12.
(various)	14	:	To Schools of Instruction	17.
		:	Struck of Hospital Strength	48
		:	To 13th Training Battalion	8.
		:	To detached duties (various)	13.

STRENGTH OF BATTALION ON 31st JULY 1917.

Actually with Unit.	: Attached	: In Hospital	: Temp. De-	: Total	: Remarks.
	:	:	:tached	:	:
	:	:	:Schools &c:	:	:
Off : O.R.	:Off : O.R.	:Off : O.R.	: Off:O.R.	: Off: O.R.	:
26	: 719	: 2 : 5	: 8 : 9	: 8 : 80	: 44 :813
	:	:	:	:	:

J. Whitham

Lieut-Colonel.
Commanding 52nd Battalion A.I.F.